

# PEACE IV Louth Programme Newsletter No 13 – September 2021



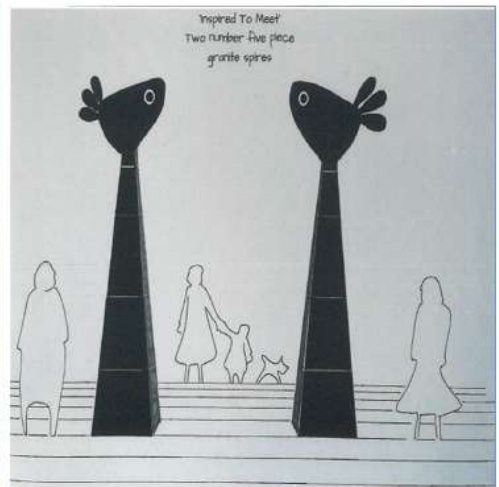
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**Welcome** to the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Louth PEACE IV Newsletter.

The PEACE IV projects are supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special European Programmes Body (SEUPB) and supported locally by Louth County Council and Louth Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

All the Children and Young People (CYP) and the Building Positive Relations (BPR) PEACE IV funded projects in Louth have now concluded.



**Children & Young People**



**Building Positive Relations**

The PEACE IV secretariat commends and thanks all those involved in delivering and participating in the projects in Louth.

***Go Raibh Maith Agat!***

We continue to progress our Shared Spaces Projects, which we will update you on below.



**Shared Spaces**

We have also been working behind the scenes on establishing, in conjunction with the LCDC, the PEACEPLUS partnership and progressing actions towards the creation of the Louth PEACEPLUS Action Plan.

We look forward to the completion of the Shared Spaces projects and all communities enjoying their use in society.

Thank you from all in the PEACE team.

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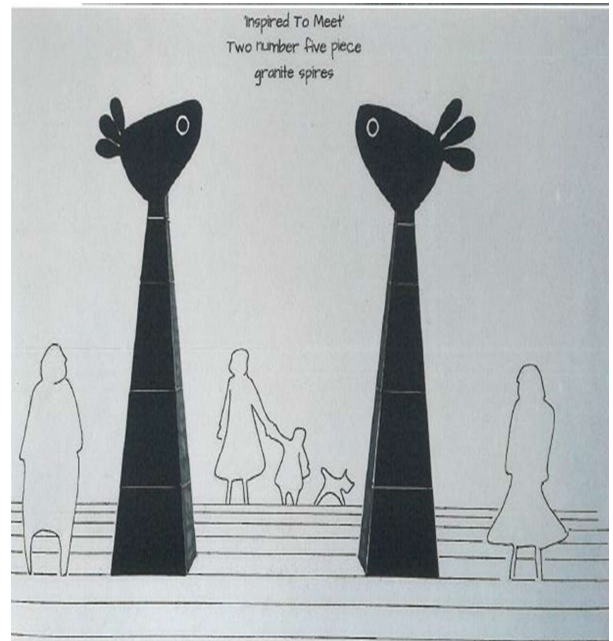


**Peters Hill, Drogheda**  
 Theme – Shared Spaces

After a public consultation and evaluation committee that included two professional artists, the artwork has been chosen for the Shared Space at Peters Hill in Drogheda. The winning tender was Yorkshire-based artist, Michael Disley with his piece ‘Inspired to Meet’, pictured left.

The design shows two spires which are set apart with a large bird on top of each one. The birds are seen facing one another as if in conversation. The spires echo the large stone pillars of the gateway and reflect the proximity of the two St Peter churches.

Construction work by GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd continues on site with an expected completion date in Q4 2022.



Inspired to Meet, artists impression.

**Muirhevnámór Community Centre Extension**  
 Theme – Shared Spaces

Construction work by Hillside Contracts Ltd continues on site with an expected completion date in Q4 2022.

The Chief Executive Joan Martin visited the site in August and was “delighted to visit Muirhevnámór and see the amazing progress on the new extension. Well done to Jim O’Neill and his crew”.

Louth County Council is proud to be involved with this extension project in the Muirhevnámór Community Centre and aims to ensure continued cooperation between the two bodies. Louth County Council recognises the fantastic facilities and services that the Community Centre provide to the area and commends all involved in the Community Council and the Community Centre for their excellent work and absolute dedication.



Pictured Louth County Council Chief Executive Joan Martin and Muirhevnámór Community Council Director Jim O’Neill

**Dundalk World War I Memorial**  
 Theme – Shared Spaces

The poem ‘A Soldier’s Grave’ by Francis Ledwidge was chosen for the central image on the World War I Memorial.

Poet Francis Ledwidge was born in Slane, Co Meath in 1887. Ledwidge enlisted and served in France and Flanders during World War One. He was killed in action at Ypres in 1917.

A Soldier’s Grave – Francis Ledwidge  
 Then in the lull of midnight, gentle arms  
 Lifted him slowly down the slopes of death  
 Lest he should hear again the mad alarms  
 Of battle, dying moans, and painful breath.

And where the earth was soft for flowers we  
 made  
 A grave for him that he might better rest.  
 So, Spring shall come and leave it seet  
 arrayed,  
 And there the lark shall turn her dewy nest

## PEACEPLUS

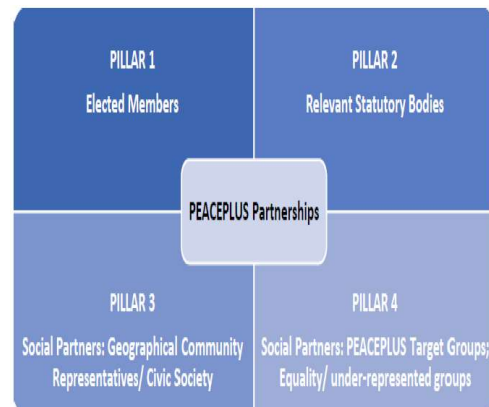
PEACEPLUS is a new European Union funding programme designed to support peace and prosperity across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, building upon the work of the previous PEACE and INTERREG Programmes. The design reflects the importance of peace-building activity, but also the importance of actions that will contribute positively to the economy, building prosperity and adjusting to the new environment and challenges we face.

### Formation of the PEACEPLUS partnership

The PEACEPLUS partnership was formed consisting of 23 members from the different pillars of

- Elected members
- Relevant Statutory Bodies
- Social Partners

Membership has been ratified by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).



The PEACEPLUS partnership will oversee the design and implementation of a co-designed Louth PEACEPLUS Action Plan.

## PEACEPLUS Meetings

The PEACEPLUS partnership has met twice to date.

During the first meeting, the thematic areas of PEACEPLUS were discussed:

1. Local Community Regeneration and Transformation
2. Thriving & Peaceful Communities
3. Celebrating Cultures & Diversity



Meeting two focused on the co-design process and the co-design process was agreed by the Partnership.

PEACEPLUS partnership meetings have been scheduled until year end 2022.



## PEACEPLUS & The Special European Programmes Body (SEUPB)

An information session was held in Dungannon in September. This focused on providing pre-application advice to authorities under thematic area 1.1 Co-design Local Community Peace Action Plans.

Further information on the planned PEACEPLUS programme can be found via the SEUPB website at <https://www.seupb.eu/PEACEPLUS>

